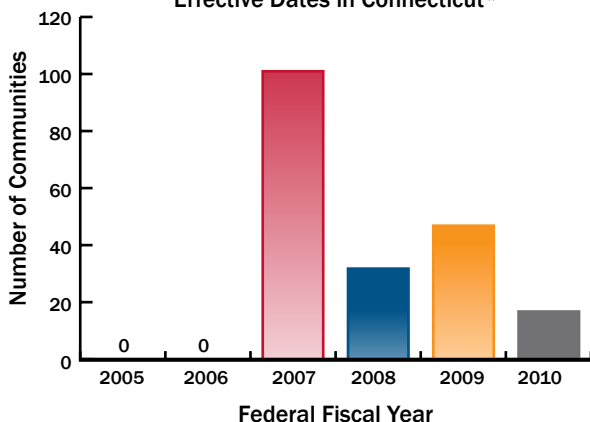


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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STATE SUPPORT SERVICES ELEMENT

Projected Flood Insurance Rate Map
Effective Dates in Connecticut*



*Currently includes both participating and non-participating communities from Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan sequencing, Version 1.5, June 2005.

**Percentages may have been rounded to the nearest whole number. The pie chart shows the CAP-SSSE activities the State agency responsible for floodplain management is undertaking in relation to other activities.

PURPOSE

This report is an outcome of the review of the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2009 Floodplain Management Work Plans by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is intended to show the relationship of Community Assistance Program – State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE) activities, and resource allocation, the State is undertaking in response to the flood mapping production schedule of Flood Map Modernization, and to highlight the efforts that are underway to achieve the flood loss reduction goals of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

STATE VISION FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The State vision for floodplain management is to promote sound floodplain management policies for the protection of life and property from flooding while encouraging the preservation and restoration of the natural functions of the floodplains.

In cooperation with Federal, State, and local agencies, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) Flood Management Program (FMP) will endeavor to increase the awareness of flood risks, identify significant flood hazard potential areas, assist local governments

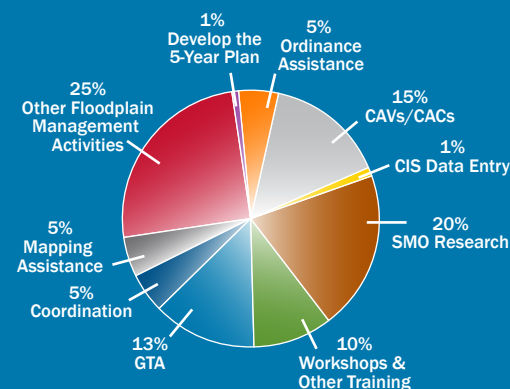
in maintaining effective floodplain management programs, and assist in the implementation of programs and projects to prevent and mitigate potential flood damages.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STRENGTHS, OR SUCCESS STORIES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Connecticut has a long history of strong floodplain management and participation in the NFIP. The Stream Channel Encroachment Line (SCEL) Program was established after severe flooding affected the State in 1955. This continuity in floodplain management has proven to be a key strength in Connecticut.

- The CTDEP has a well established floodplain management program with committed and knowledgeable staff in place within the FMP, Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP), SCEL, and floodplain management certification programs.
- Existing State and local regulations (SCEL, State Flood Management, Wetlands, and Coastal Zone Management) are in place to discourage unwise floodplain development. Through Public Act 04-144 entitled, "An Act

According to the FY 2005-2009 Work Plan, Connecticut will perform the following activities in FY 2005**:



0% – Post-Disaster Assistance

GAP ANALYSIS

***How many Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) are employed for floodplain management in the State agency: **2**

How many additional FTEs are needed to perform floodplain management activities: **0**

What percent/number of floodprone communities participate in the NFIP: **100%/177**

What percent/number of NFIP communities participate in the Community Rating System: **7%/12**

***Referenced from the Association of State Floodplain Managers' Floodplain Management 2003, State and Local Programs



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Concerning Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation,” higher regulatory standards are required to be incorporated into existing municipal floodplain regulations.

- Every municipality in Connecticut participates in the NFIP (177 communities), and an increasing number of municipalities are participating in the Community Rating System. Approximately half of municipalities are in the process of preparing a natural hazard mitigation plan through Regional Planning Organizations.

OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WHERE DOES CONNECTICUT FORESEE A SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES?

The CTDEP FMP foresees a shortage in the staffing capacity to conduct significant amounts of additional technical work given other commitments. In support of Flood Map Modernization, additional technical and program management capability and capacity will be needed. In response to this, the CTDEP plans to manage a portion of the State’s mapping activities with FEMA’s assistance. These activities include hiring a State mapping coordinator and a mapping contractor to conduct and manage flood studies in Connecticut. The new State mapping coordinator would be located in the CTDEP and work closely with CAP-SSSE funded staff on all aspects of Map Modernization, particularly in ordinance reviews and map adoption.

SIGNIFICANT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

Coordination with other state agencies is an integral part of all CAP-SSSE activities. The CTDEP works closely with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on disaster response and drills, mitigation grants management, and development of the State hazard mitigation plan. In the near future, OEM will be consolidated into a new Connecticut Department of Homeland Security (CTDHS). Management of the hazard mitigation grant programs or portions of these programs may be transferred to CTDHS. The CTDEP coordinates with many other state agencies on the Connecticut Interagency Hazard Mitigation Committee to review hazard mitigation grant applications. The CTDEP FMP works closely with the OLISP on coastal zone management issues to ensure that projects are compliant with NFIP regulations. Through the flood management certification program, the CTDEP reviews permit applications for State projects located in the floodplain, principally for the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Energy. Federal partners include FEMA Region I, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, the National Weather Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES BY CALENDAR YEAR

CONNECTICUT	2004	2005
Federally Declared Disasters	N/A	N/A
Federally Declared Emergency Declarations	Snow – January 15	Snow – February 17

FLOOD INSURANCE AND LOSS SUMMARY FROM 1978 TO MARCH 31, 2005

	TOTAL CURRENT POLICIES	TOTAL PREMIUM (\$)***	NUMBER OF CLAIMS***	TOTAL DOLLARS PAID (\$)****
NATIONAL RANKINGS*	30,523	\$22,752,069	13,270	\$98,438,730
	20th	15th	21st	26th

* National ranking based on NFIP NextGen data; ranked from highest to lowest.
 ** The total amount of premiums for policies in-force.

*** The total number of claims reported.
 **** The total amount paid on claims.

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